

## THINK TWO MEN WERE MURDERED

Police Arrest Companion of  
Frenchmen Who Were  
Asphyxiated.  
ONE VERY WEALTHY.  
Believe He Was Lured to America  
to Be Killed for His  
Money.

Believing that the two Frenchmen asphyxiated by illuminating gas last Sunday morning in the boarding house at No. 152 West Twenty-fifth street were murdered, Detectives Murphy and Brown, of the West Thirtieth street station, arranged in the Jefferson Market Court today to arrest Benoit, thirty-four years old, of No. 152 Christopher street. The police say he has not lived there

since the men were found dead in their room.  
The technical charge against Benoit was of being a suspicious person. At the request of the detectives he was remanded to the custody of the Coroner by Magistrate Wahl. Benoit says he is a cook.  
The men asphyxiated were Jean Monjun, sixty-four years old, and Leon Porrier, twenty-nine years old. According to the story told in court by Detective Murphy the two Frenchmen were companions in France. They left Havre eight weeks ago going direct to Montreal, where they remained three weeks. Then they came to New York. Benoit, who had been here previously, took Monjun and Porrier to the Twenty-fifth street house, where he himself went to the Christopher street house to live. Benoit frequently visited the two friends at their boarding house, going and coming whenever he felt so inclined. The police say that the landlady of the house has told them that he was there last Saturday night and remained until an early morning hour. Shortly after he had left, the police say, the landlady smelled gas and traced it to the room occupied by her two French boarders.  
The police started an investigation and from what they have learned believe that Monjun was lured here so that he could be done away with. They say they have learned that the old man was very wealthy, owning a large estate in France, and that, in addition, he had

an income of \$50 a week from America. They also say that the man was often seen handling a bundle of papers which appeared to be valuable. Since the death of the men, the police have been unable to find the papers. They suspect that Benoit remanded in the room with the two men until they had fallen asleep.

## MANUFACTURERS LEAD ALL.

Big Gains Made by Them in Their Exports and Imports.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The manufacturers of the country continue to increase their share in both the imports and exports of the United States, according to a bulletin issued by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

The increase in the importation of manufacturers' materials in the ten months ended with October, 1905, amounted to \$31,000, an increase of 21 per cent. over the corresponding period of last year, while the increase in all other imports was but 12 per cent. over last year.

In exports the increase of manufacturers' goods was \$38,000,000 or 14 per cent., while the gain of all other exports was but 7 per cent.

## TUNNEL "HOGS" TO GO ON STRIKE

Protest of Murphy's Workmen  
Against Protracted Labor  
Under Stress.

Forty-two hundred men, employed in the Pennsylvania Railroad tunnel, which is being dug from New Jersey to Long Island under Manhattan, and who are called "sand-hogs," have declared their determination to strike Monday next, unless their every demand is met by the employers.

The men, after a meeting last night, at McGowan's Hall, One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Third avenue, gave out a statement that between fifteen and twenty per cent. of the men employed in the tunnel work are either

killed by accident or the "bends," or crippled or injured permanently.

The men say that they are compelled to work from 10:12 to 11 and even 12 hours a day, and that the constitution of no man can stand the strain in the compressed air for this length of time.

The men demand an eight-hour work day, union wages and recognition of the union. They declare that only agreement to every one of their demands will save a strike.

Herman Robinson, Chairman of the American Federation of Labor, said today that the trouble in the Pennsylvania Tunnel is of some weeks standing. Two weeks ago a committee of the Rock Drillers Union waited on the officers of the Belmont syndicate, which is doing some of the tunnel work, and presented their grievances. They were told that nothing could be done until Mr. Robinson recovered his health. He was operated on for appendicitis last month.

The Safety Engineers, which is a national organization, also has grievances at that time, but according to a statement made today by Matthew McConnell, head of the local union, the trouble, as far as it applies to the engineers, has been adjusted. He would not predict what the engineers would do in the way of sympathizing with the rock drillers.

Delegate Green, of the rock drillers, said today that unless the trouble was settled tomorrow, the men setting out to work for the tunnel would be tied up from Jersey City to Long

Island City by Monday. He said that the color complaint was against the English firm of Pearson & Co. He declared that this firm had been brought over immigrants to work at low wages and in unsanitary houses. The men were not only underpaid, he said, but had to work long hours each day and they should.

## YERKES HAS A BAD COLD.

Charles T. Yerkes, the traction magnate, about whose condition alarming reports have been in circulation, was flooded yesterday at the Waldorf-Astoria with telegrams and letters from friends and business associates.

At 11 P. M. yesterday Mr. Yerkes was said to be resting easily in bed. He got up yesterday morning, and a severe cold, it is said, followed. One of his physicians, Dr. W. L. Banner, called in the afternoon, but neither he nor Dr. E. T. Fowler was in attendance last night.

## POLICEMAN LET HIM VOTE.

Had a Warrant for Moran, but Did Not Recognize Him.

John J. Moran was ambling through West Forty-seventh street today, just about the time Policeman Michael Collins came from the station-house. Collins had been looking for Moran since election day.

"I had a warrant for him in my pocket on election day," Collins explained, "and blame me if he didn't pass me and go into the election booth at No. 67 Tenth avenue and vote."

Moran, most humble, was led before the sergeant at the police station. He hadn't done any illegal voting, of course he hadn't, he said. He said he lived at No. 48 West Thirty-fifth street. Collins regarded the capture of Moran as important.

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